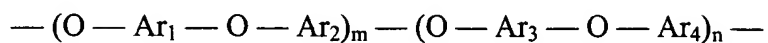


Amendment to the Abstract

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A poly(arylene ether) polymer includes polymer repeat units of the following structure:



where  $\text{Ar}_1$ ,  $\text{Ar}_2$ ,  $\text{Ar}_3$ , and  $\text{Ar}_4$  are identical or different aryl radicals,  $m$  is 0.05 to 0.95,  $n$  is 1- $m$ , and at least one of the aryl radicals is grafted to at least one hydroxyalkyl group, such as 2-undecanol. The polymer is especially useful in electrically conductive adhesives.